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## Oconto County's Older Population

A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

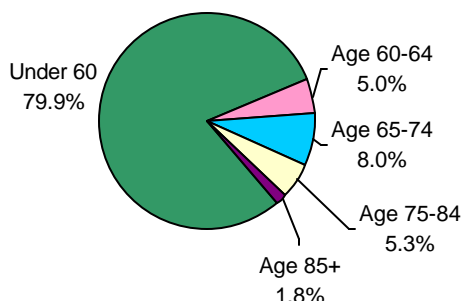
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### Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Oconto County is higher than that of the state as a whole (15.1% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been similar in this county to that of the state as a whole (8.2% versus 7.9%). In all, 5,388 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 653 of these are age 85 or older. Oconto County's average (or median) age is 38.8 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Oconto County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	35,634		30,226		5,408	17.9%
Persons 60 and over	7,153	20.1%	6,494	21.5%	659	10.1%
Persons 65 and over	5,388	15.1%	4,980	16.5%	408	8.2%
Persons 85 and over	653	1.8%	507	1.7%	146	28.8%

**Age Groups, 2000: Percent of Oconto County Population in Each Group**



### Race:

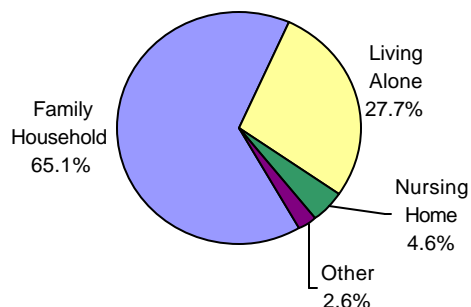
A large majority (99.1%) of Oconto County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Oconto County African Americans have a median age of 15.0 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 22.5 years. Whites, in contrast, average 39.0 years.

### Living Arrangements:

Of the 13,979 households in Oconto County, 3,707 include at least one person age 65 or older (26.5% of all households). A total of 3,511 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 84.1% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (65.1%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 27.7% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 2.7% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 248 people age 65 and older live in Oconto County nursing homes (4.6% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.

**Living Arrangements of Oconto County Residents Age 65+**



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